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Schofield Barracks Soldier Dies in Iraq

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – The Department of Defense announced today the death of a soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pfc. Nickolas Tanton, 24, of San Antonio, Texas, died Feb. 13th in Kirkuk, Iraq, from non-combat related causes. Tanton was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He joined the Army in January of 2005 and was assigned to Schofield Barracks in November of 2005 .

The incident is under investigation.

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